



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

*Fresno
Redevelopment
Agency, CA*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in central California in the San Joaquin Valley, Fresno (population 481,000) includes a federally designated Empowerment Zone. The Fruit/California Triangle site is in southwest Fresno (population 35,000) in one of the oldest neighborhoods of the city. It is in the heart of the Villages at California HOPE VI Master Plan area, surrounded by undeveloped land and many blighted and deteriorated homes and businesses. The neighborhood's diverse population



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the center portion of the Fruit/California Triangle site on 317 W. California Avenue. Currently, the site contains an abandoned auto dismantling yard. Other past uses of the site include several service stations, a restaurant, and a liquor store. It is contaminated with cadmium, copper, zinc, and other metals. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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includes African-American, Asian, and Hispanic or Latino residents, and 47.2 percent of families live below the poverty level. Slightly more than 10 percent of residents are unemployed. When the target site is cleaned up, the city plans to redevelop it with new housing and a green-lined streetscape.